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Levin Wilson House
Princess Anne
private

c. 1890-1900

Clearly an expensively built dwelling for its period, the Levin Wilson house carries many features not often found on Queen Anne style houses in Princess Anne. The large irregular plan frame residence is distinguished by multiple gables sheathed with fishscale shingles and a two-story semi-octagonal tower that marks the southeast corner. The tower roof is finished with a flame finial, and narrow brick stove stacks rise to each side. Colored glass windows and a wraparound porch are additional Victorian features that provide interest.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. S-392

Magi No. 2003925604

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Levin Wilson House

2. Location

street & number 514 South Somerset Avenue

☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Heirs of Levin Wilson

street & number 516 South Somerset Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne

state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court

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street & number Somerset County Courthouse

folio

city, town Princess Anne

state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Levin Wilson House Description

The Levin Wilson house stands at 514 South Somerset Avenue in the southern residential district of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The large Queen Anne style frame house faces east.

Supported by a raised common bond brick foundation, this turn of the century frame house follows an irregular plan and is covered by a modified pyramidal roof of asphalt shingles. The exterior is sheathed with a combination of aluminum siding and decorative fishscale shingles that distinguish the multiple gables. Narrow brick chimney stacks marked by string bands rise from the center of the house.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade comprised of a two-and-a-half story projecting bay and a semi-octagonal tower attached to the southeast corner. A front porch, which has been partially enclosed, stretches around the first floor. The principal entrance is located in the north bay and is marked on the front porch by a small pediment. The partially glazed front door is topped by a transom. While the first floor of the gabled bay is covered by the enclosed porch, the second floor is lighted by a large multipane window, and a small arched light illuminates the attic. The adjacent corner tower is also lighted by multipane sash windows, and a flame finial rises from the peak. Fixed between the bay and the tower is a small decorative art glass window.

The side elevations are equally asymmetrical with an irregular placement of doors and windows. The side porch to the south is partially open and remains supported by simple columns with a turned post balustrade between. A side entrance to the south has an adjacent art glass window also.

The back of the house is covered by a large two-story service wing that has a two-story, five-sided bay to the south. Standing behind the dwelling are several frame outbuildings that date to the twentieth century.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Levin Wilson house is one of the more prominent Queen Anne style houses that line South Somerset Avenue in Princess Anne. The irregular plan frame house is distinguished by exterior decorative finishes not found on many town dwellings. Most notable are the semi-octagonal tower with a flame finial and the two-and-a-half story gabled bays that retain their fishscale gables and small round arched attic lights.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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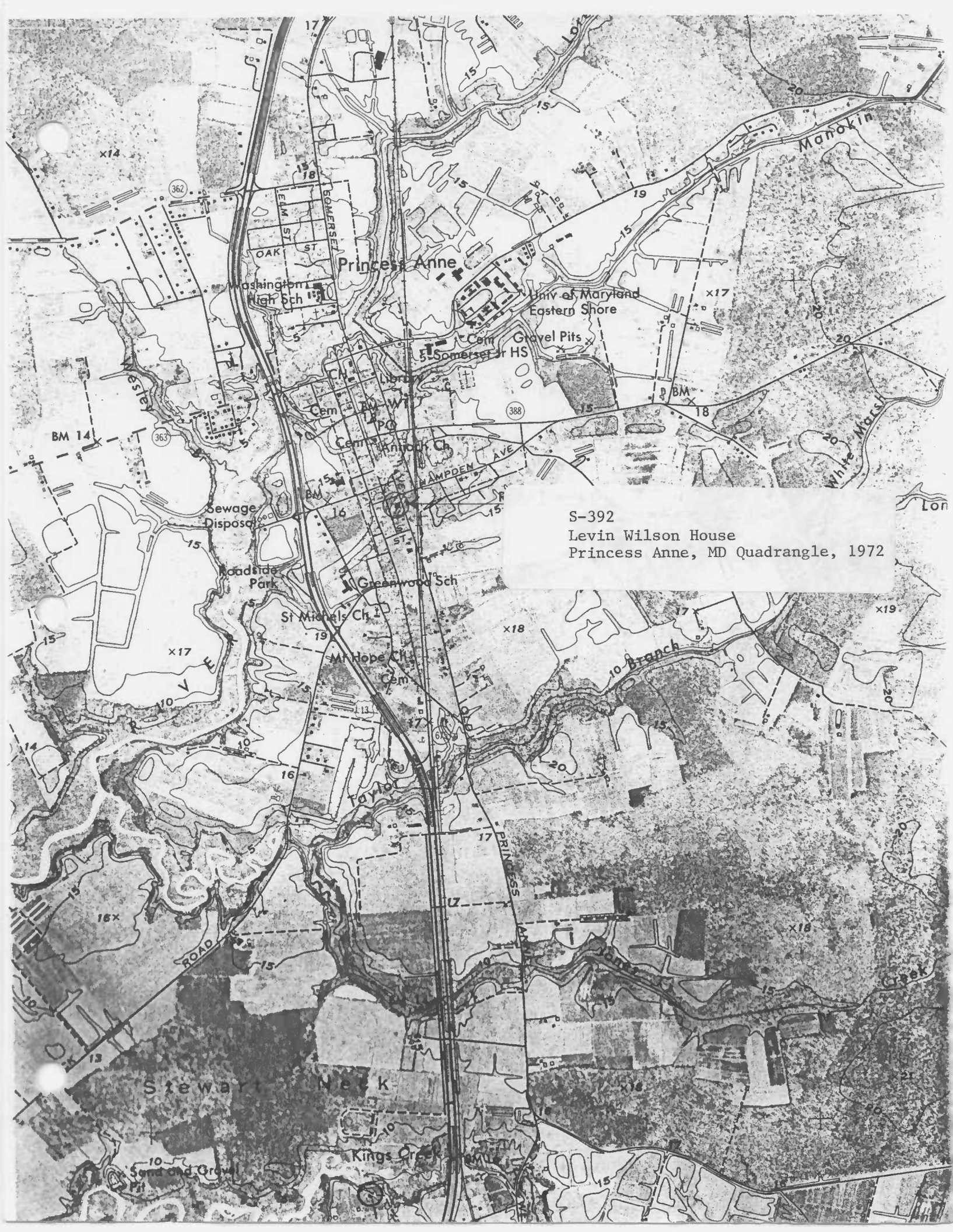
city or town Princess Anne

state Maryland 21853

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Levin Wilson House
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972



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Princess Anne, Somerset Co. Md.

East Elevation

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Princess Anne, Somerset Co. Md.

Tower

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